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The ROT Biker Rally begins with Gallagher and his Sledge-O-Matic, Blue Oyster Cult and the world-famous Wall of Death.

Shoot 'em up

The Harry Ransom Center's "Making Movies" film series shows the western "Duel in the Sun." The show is free and starts at 7 p.m.

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In 1935

Dr. Robert Smith drinks his last drop and co-founds Alcoholics Anonymous in Akron, Ohio, with Bill Wilson.

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"[There's] a bunch of excitement. It's something that you dream of as a kid growing up playing T-ball and wiffle ball in the backyard. You dress up as a player in the big leagues, and then you find out, 'Oh hey, now I get out and put that uniform on after I get done here.' It's a dream come true."

— **Cameron Rupp**
catcher
Texas baseball team

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TRY OUT FOR THE TEXAN!

Come pick up an application in the basement of HSM and sign up for tryouts.



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

UT psychology junior Jonathan Wu waits outside his Spanish classroom at the ACC Rio Grande Campus, where he is currently taking summer classes.

UT System works to recruit community college students

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

The UT academic institutions are recruiting transfer students from community colleges in larger numbers as the graduation rates for those students rose over the past decade in Texas.

Across the UT System, the number of transfers from community colleges spiked between 2008 and 2009 with an increase of 11.3 percent to UT academic institutions, the largest increase of any single group that year, according to a May 12 press release.

Though the graduation rate for transfer students from two-year colleges hovered around 70 percent

during the past decade, other colleges within the UT System saw graduation rates for these students increase by 10, 20 and 30 percentage points, according to data from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"Community college students [who transfer to four-year institutions] actually perform better, in terms of graduation rates, than do students who begin their college studies at four-year universities," UT System spokesman Matt Flores said. "There's a charge for higher-education institutions to graduate

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The World Cup comes to Austin

Local bars, restaurants prepare to host broadcasts of soccer's biggest event

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

Do you put your luggage in the trunk of your car or the boot? Do you ride the elevator or the lift? Is it the bathroom or the loo? French fries or chips?

The debate will be settled — at least momentarily — on Saturday, when England and the United States face off in their first match at the 2010 World Cup.

Unfortunately for soccer fans in this burnt-orange bleeding city, it can still be tough to find bars that will broadcast the beautiful game. That's why we at The Daily Texan have compiled this easy-to-follow list of some of the best places to watch the World Cup in all its multicultural glory this summer.

Cuatro's

You'll find an eclectic but mostly college-aged crowd at this West Campus hot spot. Soccer games have become a large part of the bar's identity and, as the capacity crowd attending last month's Champions League final attests, a



Bobby Longoria | Daily Texan Staff

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Cuatro Kowalski, right, owner of Cuatro's on 24th Street, watches sports coverage with his friend Russel Louis on Wednesday afternoon.

Perry, White duel over financial details

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

A dispute erupted between the Bill White and Rick Perry gubernatorial campaigns after the Perry camp accused former Houston Mayor Bill White of personally profiting from an emergency contract awarded in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.

The White campaign dismissed the charges and accused the Perry campaign of "lying."

Yesterday morning, the Perry campaign pounced on an Associated Press story that reported Bill White suggested the Coastal Water Authority hire BTEC Turbines LP, a gener-

ator company on whose board of directors he served before he took office as mayor in 2004, to supply much-needed portable generators to power water pumps at the Lynchberg Reservoir in Baytown. The reservoir provides water for 600,000 people and much of Houston's "Refinery Row," and was in danger of running dry in the days after Rita.

In a statement, Gov. Perry called on White to resign from the race and for local authorities to investigate if the claims were true.

"I'm calling for him to immediately resign

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Bill White
Former Houston mayor



Rick Perry
Texas governor

TxDOT puts cap on funds for highway construction

By Destinee Hodge
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Transportation Commission put a 10-percent cap on the difference between contracted budget prices and the actual reimbursement a city receives for highway projects Tuesday.

Each year, after cities and counties throughout Texas submit budget proposals for highway improvement projects, the commission selects the ones that will be feasible to support.

"The projects compete with other projects, so you may or may not get it," said Chris Bishop, spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation.

In a method of payment called "pass-through financing," after a city proposes its projected expenses for a plan, the commission negotiates an amount that it will be contracted to reimburse to the city after the completion of the project.

"[When] the commission and Texas Department of Transportation call for [proposals] for projects, they're narrowed down [and] we go into negotiations with [the] city or county," said Karen Amacker, spokeswoman for the department's Government and Public Affairs Division. "Once it's built, we pay it back."

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Alliance observes 20-year SOS



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Austin resident Brent Cushman slides into the water just outside the east side of Barton Springs Pool on Wednesday evening.

As Monday marked 20 years of operation for the Save Our Springs Alliance, the environmental protection organization hosted more than a week's worth of events that began June 1 and culminated Wednesday evening with a documentary screening.

On Wednesday, the Alamo Draft-house Cinema on South Lamar showed Laura Dunn's 2007 documentary "The Unforeseen," which chronicles the story of a fight against real-estate development that would have had a negative impact on Barton Springs. Alliance Executive Director Bill Bunch said the film shows the reality of urban development and "its devastating force in natural habitats."

Bunch said it was important to host a number of intimate and educational programs to connect with supporters and those unfamiliar with the group's activities.

The Save Our Springs Alliance began as a coalition of citizens concerned about the development that has threatened the Barton Creek watershed, according to the group's website, sosalliance.org.

— Skyler Sanchez

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Correction

Because of an error in an Austin Independent School District agenda item, the June 9 page 5 story about Pearce Middle School incorrectly characterized UT as a partner in the redesign and reassignment proposal for the school. No partnership has been created.

Today's Weather

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Why does this blow so hard?

News Briefly

Sales-tax revenues grow for second straight month

The Texas state comptroller's office reported sales-tax collections increased slightly in May 2010 when compared with revenue from May 2009. Collections increased by .1 percent, generating \$1.78 billion in revenue.

This is the second month in a row where sales-tax receipts have outpaced same-month results from a year ago, marking a reversal from 14 straight months of year-over-year declines, state Comptroller Susan Combs said in a statement.

Sales-tax disbursements to Austin climbed 3.1 percent in May when compared to the same month a year ago, for a monthly total of just more than \$11 million.

Still, overall distributions to cities from sales-tax funds will decline 1.5 percent when compared to last year because of continuing budget difficulties.

"While overall economic conditions and sales-tax revenues appear to be stabilizing," Combs said, "there remains a risk of further deterioration before a sustained recovery is underway."

— Nolan Hicks

Samsung announces plans for expansion in Austin

Samsung Electronics Co. announced plans today to invest \$3.6 billion as part of an expansion of its semiconductor plant in Austin. The project aims to convert existing empty space at the company's current facility into a high-tech chip manufacturing area.

The move will add an additional 500 permanent full-time employees to Samsung's payroll in Austin. Furthermore, construction on the new facility should employ an additional 3,000 people in construction and vending positions.

"Samsung has been a strong presence in the technology community here in Austin," city spokesman Kyle Carvell said. "The development is exciting news for Austin, the investment enhances our city's image."

"This is great news for Austin and yet another indication that companies are getting the most out of their Texas operations," Gov. Rick Perry said in a statement.

Samsung aims to have the project finished by late 2011.

— N.H.

They Row Their Boat



Peyton McGee | Daily Texan Staff

Canoers row on Lady Bird Lake near the South First Street Bridge on Wednesday. Austin residents went back outside soon after the rain stopped in the afternoon.

CUP: Venues offer selection of atmospheres

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major source of patronage.

Cuatro's will show every World Cup game this summer, which means if you absolutely need to eat a breakfast taco and watch some live soccer at 6 in the morning, this near-campus bar is your best bet. And with two additional big-screen televisions being set up under a tent outside, you can probably see most of the action from across the street.

Plus, Austin nongovernmental organization CommonThreadz will be present this Saturday selling shirts and other apparel to provide clothing for children in Africa. So be a good person and check it out.

Pluckers

If you wake up late or live on the south side of West Campus, the Pluckers at 2222 Rio Grande St. might be an easier (not to mention closer) alternative.

According to an advertisement near the front of the restaurant, Pluckers will sell Budweisers and

Bud Lights for \$2 each during select World Cup games, including Argentina versus Nigeria this Saturday and the United States versus Slovenia on June 18.

"For the past two Saturdays, the restaurant hasn't been full," said Jerome Schmotzer, a bartender who's worked at Pluckers for the past two years. "But I expect it to be packed this weekend."

All five of the Pluckers locations in Austin will open at 9 a.m. during the World Cup, starting this Friday for the first game between South Africa and Mexico.

Fadó Irish Pub

On game days a very soccer-savvy crowd populates this Warehouse District staple, located at 214 W. Fourth St. For many in Austin, Fadó (pronounced "F'doh") has set the new standard for football pubs in this city, with as many as 600 fans turning out for U.S. games during the last World Cup.

"Along with St. Patrick's Day, the World Cup is something we do here very, very well," Fadó event manager Kim Rector said.

The European-style bar will show all 64 games, including this Saturday's 6:30 a.m. matchup between South Korea and Greece, and the pub will also rebroadcast each day's top matches starting at 6 p.m. And for those venturing out in the early morning hours to watch live soccer, the pub is offering a special World Cup menu with breakfast ranging from \$7 to \$14.95. Of course, Fadó is also well-known for its plethora of Irish and European beers, with one of the widest selections in Austin.

And just like the American and British soccer players in South Africa, Rector didn't hesitate to engage in some pregame smack talk.

"The real soccer fans will be here on Saturday," Rector said. "There will probably be as many or more Europeans here than Americans."

And in case you still aren't sold on Fadó, Mysterious Ways, a U2 cover band, plays Saturday night at 10.

ND at 501 Studios

This chic bar on the east side of Interstate Highway 35 of-

fers slam poetry and burlesque shows during the week, so get ready for a slightly different atmosphere than the other spots in this listing. Located at East Fifth and Brushy streets, ND usually hosts musical acts but will set up a 30-foot projector screen to show the U.S.-England match in high definition.

Like the other bars in this listing, there's no cover, but ND is also an all-ages establishment. On Saturday, however, they won't open until noon, which means you'll have to catch the day's other games elsewhere.

With all 64 matches broadcast on ESPN, ESPN2 or ABC in America this summer, you might be tempted to stay home and watch the World Cup from your couch. But take it from Rector, the Fadó event manager, when she says, "It's better to watch world-class soccer with other real fans." So check out one of the aforementioned spots, or your own favorite dive, to take in all the action and excitement of the world's biggest sporting event.

WHITE: Campaign refutes validity of Perry's claims

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from the race for governor," Perry said in the statement. "For the mayor of Houston to engage in profiteering during a tragedy is unacceptable, and local authorities should investigate."

White campaign spokeswoman Katy Bacon slammed the Perry campaign's attacks, calling them another attempt by Perry to avoid debating White.

"They're lying and they know it," Bacon said. "It's shameful."

Both the White and Perry campaigns agree on the following points:

- Bill White resigned from the boards of BTEC Turbines and WEDGE Group Inc., which owned a majority of BTEC Tur-

bines, and sold shares in the company in December 2003 after winning Houston's mayoral election.

- Hurricane Rita struck Houston in September 2005.

- In September 2006, White was approached by the Sterling Group to join an investment partnership that was purchasing a controlling stake in BTEC. He joined the investment group in December of 2006.

- Between December 2003 and September 2006, White had no involvement with BTEC, according to filings with the Texas Ethics Commission.

The Perry campaign claims that income earned by White's WEDGE Group deferred-compensation package, an IRA of sorts that was managed by a

Wall Street brokerage house, amounts to a conflict of interest.

Tax forms show that Bill White earned \$81,854 in 2005 and \$83,626 in 2006 from his compensation package — earnings that came mostly from dividends and market transactions, not as payment from WEDGE Group as alleged by the Perry campaign, Bacon said.

A review of assets in White's deferred compensation fund show stocks that are known for paying significant dividends, such as Coca-Cola Co., General Electric Co., Johnson & Johnson, Exxon Mobil Corp. and ConocoPhillips.

Perry campaign spokeswoman Catherine Frazier said the Perry campaign stands by its earlier statements.

UT: System offers incentives for students to transfer

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as many students as we can. Part of what we're trying to do is to try to incentivize and increase that pipeline from community colleges to four-year institutions."

Flores attributes the increase to the success of a new website created in September in conjunction with the Texas A&M System and community colleges across the state. The site, *Transfer101.org*, gives instructions to transfer students about how to apply to four-year institutions.

At UT-Austin, however, the number of transfer students from community colleges only rose from 712 in 2008 to 733 in 2009 during the system-wide spike, said Mike Washington, associate director of admissions.

Scholarships given at UT System campuses to top transfer and high school students act as an additional incentive to attend, said Kristin Sullivan, assistant vice president of media rela-

tions at UT-Arlington.

"In this economic environment, more people are going to school as they realize that it's a significant part of what you need to earn an adequate, good income," Sullivan said. "We offer \$20,000 scholarships to top academic scholars coming from high school and from county colleges. [When community college transfers] come in, they're prepared, they're committed. Many times they're very hardworking. That's why they're worthy of these top academic scholarships."

Finance senior Chad Thiessen was accepted to the Department of Economics in the College of Liberal Arts in 2008 after studying for a year at Austin Community College. The California native worked at a Starbucks in Houston for a year to gain residency status for in-state tuition. After a semester in the College of Liberal Arts, Thiessen was accepted to the McCombs School of Business and is on track to grad-

uate in the fall semester of 2011.

"I felt like I only had one shot. I thought, 'If I don't make it, I'm screwed,'" Thiessen said. "That helped me focus completely on school, and it really paid off. I don't really think I had the patience for the community college. I really didn't like it at all."

Greg Morris, assistant vice president for undergraduate admission at UT-Dallas, said the number of high school students has peaked across the country, so universities are looking into where the new base of students will come from.

"All the university system schools are looking to increase enrollments," Morris said. "There are pockets of the country where high school numbers are still growing, but nationally we hit a peak year last year, and the trend is looking to decline a bit. If we can't continue to build a larger and larger freshman class, we can make up for it at the community colleges."

TXDOT: Policy changes fund structure for road projects

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In the past, if the project ended up costing less than the amount the commission was under contract to pay, the city could use the extra money for any project it deemed suitable. If the project ended up costing more, the city would be responsible for the remaining balance.

"It used to be that once the project was a lot less, we had already agreed under contract to pay them back," Amacker said.

The new cap ensures that if a project costs less than the original amount stated in the contract with the commission, it will never have to pay a city more than the actual price of the project plus an additional 10 percent. In addition to the commission not having to pay as much as it has in the past, the new rule also ensures that in the event a city receives extra money, it must be used for other highway improvements.

Amacker said that although the results of the audit the commission is performing are not yet available, it had "sufficient concerns" and evidence that the extra money given to Austin was not being used for the purpose it was given.

"That 10 percent must be used for transportation projects [so] it ensures that transportation dollars stay on transportation projects," Amacker said.

The new rule will apply not only to future projects but to those that are currently being negotiated or that have not yet been completed as well.

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VIEWPOINT

Open the doors

The appearance of Simkins Hall Dormitory is innocuous enough. It displays all the bland architectural hallmarks of a UT dorm: a tan, brick facade topped by an orange, tiled roof. Until recently, many students have never even heard of it; the dorm is tucked in an obscure corner of campus and houses fewer than 200 male students.

But this past month, the dormitory has achieved fame — or rather, notoriety — after a former UT law professor exposed the racist history of the dorm’s namesake, William Stewart Simkins.

A flurry of media coverage followed, along with calls to rename the dorm. After some pressure, UT formed a panel to discuss a possible name change and make a recommendation to President William Powers Jr. by the end of the month.

Despite the public’s overwhelming involvement in the Simkins controversy, the panel’s meetings are closed to the public.

Naturally, UT employs the tactic of closed-door meetings frequently. When the Tuition Policy Advisory Committee convened this past fall, students were shut out. And when the future of the Cactus Cafe was discussed, the public could only react to ideas after the fact in public forums. In both cases, the closed meetings earned the ire of those excluded from the discussion and contributed to an atmosphere of skepticism, if not outright distrust.

Gregory Vincent, vice president for diversity and community engagement, said a closed meeting facilitates frank discussion among a diverse set of people and “gives them the opportunity to be open with their remarks.”

The panel is indeed diverse and packed to the brim with 21 members. It includes one community member, one alumnus, five students and 14 faculty and staff members. The panelists’ credentials are impressive as well; every member is a prominent leader in the student body, community or University.

It seems odd, then, that these members will not air their views in an open meeting. They should stand behind their statements and be willing to make them in front of a public audience.

UT may be concerned that arguments between panel members will result in a public relations nightmare, but we suggest the opposite: A robust discussion indicates that the issue is debated sincerely and intensely. In fact, the lack of transparency in the discussion process is more disconcerting than any amount of intense arguing.

The short timetable to provide a recommendation is undoubtedly a concern to UT, but meetings can be both open to the public and efficient. Let the public sit in on discussion, and then offer a 20-minute question-and-comment session at the end of every meeting. Listening to the public’s response allows panel members to hear alternative viewpoints and constructive criticism. This, of course, assumes respectful and thoughtful public participation — and although there may be an occasional disruptive attendee, administrators shouldn’t underestimate the positive potential of public feedback.

— Lauren Winchester for the editorial board

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GALLERY



A closer look at SBOE recommendations

By David Williams
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

On May 22, the State Board of Education voted 9-5 to reform its secondary-school social studies curriculum, emphasizing that the content of these guidelines serves to enable students to “appreciate the basic democratic values of our state and nation.” While these reforms have been broadly condemned by liberals across the country, it is important that both liberals and conservatives together become more broadly familiar with the texts now firmly in the curriculum. Specifically, we should take a closer look at Charles de Montesquieu, Voltaire, Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Thomas Aquinas. The board has requested that students now be able to “explain the impact” of their work on contemporary government. Their lessons for the contemporary are perhaps more apt for our times than the board has acknowledged.

Let us begin chronologically, considering the contributions of Saint Thomas Aquinas (1224-25-1274). Aquinas is a new addition to the curriculum, added at the insistence of those who would emphasize the important role of Christianity in the development of natural law, political institutions and related ideologies. As the board surely knows, Aquinas was no friend of business or what the new guidelines call “free enterprise.” In his Summa Theologica, he writes of business, “It is devoted to satisfying the desire for profit, and such desire knows no bounds and always strives for more. And so business, absolutely speaking, is wicked, since it does not essentially signify a worthy or necessary objective.” The only possible justification for business, he argues, is to feed one’s family and help the needy. I applaud the board for challenging students in these times to question the moral foundations of the free enterprise system.

The board also supports keeping a role for

three French Enlightenment thinkers: Montesquieu, Voltaire and Rousseau. As scholars of Texas settler Stephen F. Austin have noted, Austin enthusiastically imbibed the texts of the great Enlightenment thinkers while a student at Transylvania University. Charles de Montesquieu (1689-1755) published his widely influential Spirit of the Laws in 1748, a text cited by the American Founders with both great enthusiasm and frequency. He writes of many things in this massive volume, including those factors which contribute to the relative success of democracies and republics (the board cites our system as a “democratic-republican government”). He observes that it is especially important to guard economic equality with vigilant laws in such systems, since the introduction of inequality results in the loss of the republic. It is therefore necessary, according to Montesquieu, to limit inheritance and regulate the economy vigorously.

Then there is Voltaire (1694-1778). The board is especially right to emphasize the role of Voltaire, particularly in Texas, as Sam Houston himself was known to be an admirer and had access to a 41-volume set of his work. Although more a friend of enlightened despotism than democracy, Voltaire might find great supporters among those seeking to inject more Christianity into the curriculum. “Either Christianity should be renounced completely, or observed,” he wrote in his “Rights of Man” (1768). Of course, observing Christianity, as Voltaire understood it, was to recognize that it was a religion founded “entirely on poverty, on equality, on a hatred of riches and of the rich.” So without a strict equality, there can be no Christianity. There is no place for extreme wealth in a Christian republic, Voltaire concludes.

Finally, we have Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), perhaps the most famous and influential of all those philosophers the board cites as crucial for the development of “democratic-repub-

lican government.” Rousseau is surely someone the board can celebrate as a precursor to contemporary Texan ideologies. He speaks of property rights as “the true foundation of civil society” and writes, “work is always necessary and never useless.” At the same time, however, he recognizes the ancient wisdom of Thomas Aquinas and Plato, in arguing on behalf of a “moral and legitimate equality,” by which he means the following: “Under bad governments ... equality is only apparent and illusory. It serves merely to maintain the poor man in his misery and the rich man is his usurpation. In actuality, laws are always useful to those who have possessions and harmful to those who have nothing. Whence it follows that the social state is advantageous to men only insofar as they all have something and none of them have too much.” In other words, it is not enough to proclaim all is equal; the government must strive to make that equality real in its deeds, which means evening out the distribution of wealth.

So the board is to be congratulated for its keen and renewed commitment to social equality as a way of sustaining this great democratic republic. Its emphasis on the great thinkers who inform our tradition ensures that future Texans will continue to be vigilant against extreme wealth, extreme poverty and a dangerously myopic self-interest that not only offends the Christian tradition, but also the democratic republic itself. I encourage all secondary school social studies teachers across the great state of Texas to consider the Board’s directions to communicate these lessons to students with the urgency these guidelines and our fragile times demand.

Williams is an associate philosophy and political science professor at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and received his M.A. and Ph.D. in government at UT.

THE FIRING LINE

Don't rename Simkins Hall

I disagree with the editorial board’s position on renaming Simkins Hall.

The major argument for renaming the dorm is based on two lectures Simkins gave to defend his post-Civil War involvement in the Florida Ku Klux Klan and boast of two acts of violence against African-Americans.

But if we look at the full context of Simkins’ actions, a different picture emerges. First, in 1914, Simkins was 72 years old when he delivered the lectures and was likely embellishing events that occurred almost 50 years earlier. Also, Simkins was presumably speaking to a very receptive audience of students who might have lost a relative in the Civil War — a war which claimed the lives of 2 percent of the U.S. population, the equivalent of six million American lives today. When he delivered the lectures, the U.S. had not yet healed from the Civil War or its large death toll.

Second, we shouldn’t forget the historical backdrop of Simkins’ actions. After the Civil War, General Sherman confiscated the Simkins family’s land in South Carolina. Also, the South was under military occupation when Simkins was forming the Florida Klan in the late 1860s, and former Confederates couldn’t vote or run for political office. Essentially, former Confederates had been disenfranchised. They received few legal protections from the radical Republican Southern legislatures. The original Ku Klux Klan arose in the midst of this anarchy.

The point here is not to defend the Ku Klux Klan or its horrific history of racial violence and lynching. I’m simply noting that when Simkins formed the Florida Klan, he and former Confederates like him possessed few political rights, and private gangs and militias served as their sole means of protection.

There may be good reason for renaming Simkins Hall, but neither Dr. Russell’s article nor Simkins’ own 1914 lectures over his Klan involvement provide sufficient grounds for doing so.

— Clark Patterson
UT alumnus

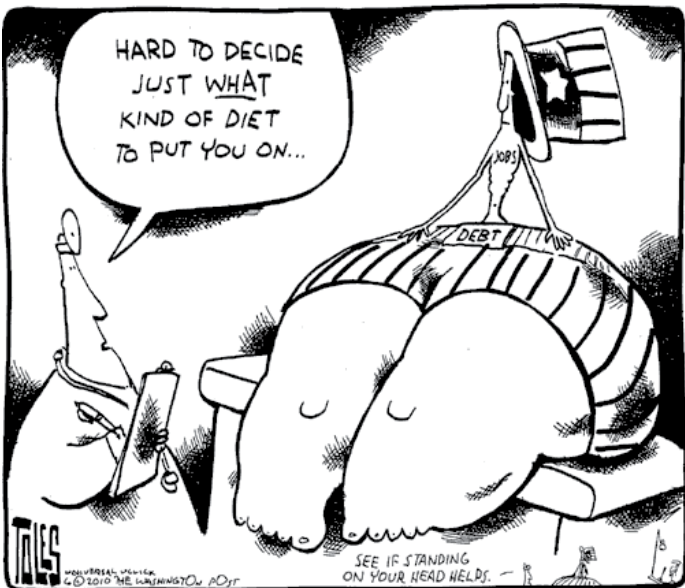
Better government, not less

Matthew Levinton’s column “Rethink the answers and rethink big government” left me wondering what world he lives in. Sure, he raises some valid points about incompetent, inept regulators who should have been doing their jobs monitoring the financial and energy sectors. Still, the answer to that is demanding for the government to actually fulfill its responsibilities, not to get rid of government regulation and oversight. Yes, the lack of SEC oversight allowed a dangerous financial situation to build up, but loosening financial regulations also contributed. This allowed Wall Street to exploit the situation, which they did eagerly and without reserva-

tion. Are we really supposed to believe that if there were no government oversight of Wall Street, its firms would suddenly start acting in the best interest of its investors, one another and the economy in general? The only thing that reined in their behavior was a near collapse. All of the “let the market handle itself” supporters mistake this very same point. That’s exactly what’s happening. Now, a large percentage of the population has to worry about losing their jobs, losing their homes and caring for their families. It’s also very hard to believe that if there were no safety regulations on mining procedures, there would suddenly be safe mines and no deaths related to their collapses or gas explosions. Finally, it should be pointed out that (at least from my understanding based of “60 Minutes” reports), the Gulf oil crisis is the result of human failure. As the column points out, plenty of warning signs about the situation were ignored in the rush to finish drilling and move on to the next well. All of the safety rules and equipment in the world are useless if people ignore what is going on right in front of their faces. In our dismay over the current state of the world, we should be careful not to throw the baby out with the bathwater.

— Craig Dupree
UT staff, College of Natural Sciences

GALLERY



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Eatery takes food off the ‘StrEat’



Kiersten Marian | Daily Texan Staff
StrEat chef Tuan Le cuts a pizza margherita into square slices. StrEat offers a variety of cuisines from around the world, including Italy, Greece, India and Vietnam.

WHAT: StrEat

WHERE: 3211 Red River St.

ON THE MENU: Greek, Italian and Vietnamese dishes

By Katherine Kloc
Daily Texan Staff

StrEat, a newly opened restaurant that serves dishes typically found at international food carts, sounds good in theory. The menu includes panini, New York-style pizza, Greek kabobs and a Vietnamese noodle bowl with chicken and vegetables. But StrEat’s novel and ambitious attempt to offer street foods from all corners of the globe is not well-executed. Each item is a mediocre version of the original.

The bunny chow, inspired by a South African dish consisting of a hollowed-out loaf of bread filled with curry, was made with a white baguette identical to those found at a local H-E-B instead of a bread that recalls the dish’s origins. In fact, nothing about the meal tasted like something that would be served in South Africa. Although the green coconut-fish curry was flavorful, there was nothing especially noteworthy or exotic about it.

The desserts, which consist mostly of American staples such as brownies, cupcakes and cookies with a few foreign options (churros, tres leches, baklava, Asian sesame balls) thrown in to continue the “around the world” theme, are also mostly unexciting, despite being made in-store.

The most disappointing thing about StrEat is that it appears to offer customers a deviation from their usual fare, but their food doesn’t fulfill expectations. The point of going to a place that serves food from around the world is to try something foreign to your palate, not a safer, blander version of the original dishes. If you’re searching for Americanized versions of foods you might be too wary to try, StrEat may be just the place for you.

Moreover, StrEat’s interior decor is not indicative of a restaurant that serves diverse and exotic foods. Instead of an interior decorated with mementos from different places around the world, it was reminiscent of Chipotle, with its white walls, wooden benches and stock photos of international cultures.

But with nothing on the menu exceeding \$6, StrEat does offer UT students a convenient and cheap place to eat. And for six bucks, average isn’t so bad.

Apple redesigns signature phone, sets release date

iPhone 4 brings changes to smartphone market, introduces multitasking

By Gerald Rich
Daily Texan Staff

Apple revealed the iPhone 4 on Monday, boasting a new design, video chat and a sharper screen, among other additions.

“This changes everything. Again,” Apple’s website said after unveiling the evolution of its 16 and 32 gigabyte smartphones, which will be available June 24 for \$200 and \$300, respectively.

Two years ago, the iPhone was the big, bad smartphone in town with the App Store and access to the Internet that Blackberry’s simplistic, smaller screen couldn’t provide.

But things have changed. Apple isn’t the only smartphone anymore. However, Monday’s presentation showed that it’s ready to restructure the entire town to stay ahead of the new Android and Microsoft KIN smartphones with its new FaceTime video chat feature.

At first glance, the new model doesn’t resemble the old iPhone design we’ve come to recognize. It has a sleeker, squarish body that will be “the world’s slimmest smartphone,” according to Apple’s website. The company has even added what it claims is a more durable screen — one that uses the same material as helicopter and high-speed train windshields — to protect its new, sharper “retina display” that has doubled the pixels per square inch from the iPhone 3GS.

“There’s a magic number around 300 dots per inch,” Apple CEO Steve Jobs said. “If you hold something about 10 to 12 inches away from your eye, it’s the limit of the human retina to distinguish pixels.”

It’s with this new screen that Jobs hopes to revolutionize the market and offer video chats through your phone. While the idea for video chatting is not new, the iPhone 4 would be the first phone to have this capability. However, there is a catch: You

WHAT: Apple iPhone 4

AVAILABLE: June 24

COST: \$200 for 16 GB, \$300 for 32 GB

FEATURES: Video chat, sharper screen, thinner body

can only use it through a Wi-Fi network, which means UT iPhone users would be using the University’s wireless network.

“Some of the old problems with [video chatting on iChat] on the restricted network were with bandwidth,” electrical engineering junior Matt Vaughn said. “It was kind of a unique problem to that software. There was too much bandwidth being used in short bursts.”

While the ease of video chatting on the iPhone 4 has yet to be determined, Information Technology Services does offer various priced bandwidth packages to accommodate high-volume data usage. Ideally, with enough bandwidth, you may be able to have a very accommodating friend live-stream a class to you.

But is it worth it? While Apple is also adding the ability to multitask using applications — like running Pandora Radio while text messaging — and upgrading the hardware to be faster and offering a better camera, AT&T is still the only legal service provider for the iPhone.

Only new customers and current iPhone owners eligible for an plan upgrade can purchase the phone starting at \$200.

“If you aren’t a new customer and you aren’t eligible for the special upgrade plan, the phones will cost \$400 and \$500 as upgrades, which is pretty rough,” popular technology blog *Gizmodo.com* explained. “Unsubsidized prices run \$600 and \$700, which, well, ha ha.”

Though there is no word on how competitors’ smartphones will adapt to this new market, there will undoubtedly be a scramble to match, outdo and improve on Apple’s latest release.

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Courtesy of Screaming Females

Screaming Females, a basement-punk band from New Jersey, says all-ages spaces and DIY venues are where people are most interested in hearing new kinds of music.

Trio leaves punk fans screaming for more

By Mark Lopez
Daily Texan Staff

By combining a punk attitude reminiscent of Iggy Pop with the musical precision of Patti Smith, New Jersey’s Screaming Females has become a household name among basement-punk aficionados around the world.

Originally formed under the name Sugary on TV, New Brunswick, N.J., natives Marissa Paternoster (vocals, lead guitar) and King Mike (bass) eventually made the switch to Screaming Females when they met drummer Jarrett Dougherty.

Since releasing its first album, *Baby Teeth*, in 2006, Screaming Females has been working at a tireless pace. Already three albums deep into its career and signed to Don Giovanni Records, the band is currently on a North American tour and preparing for the release of a fourth album.

Though Screaming Females has garnered attention from NME, Rolling Stone, SPIN and MTV, the band makes a point to perform in venues that are accessible to its fan base, namely all-ages spaces that don’t gauge ticket prices.

“When we started doing a lot of touring, it became obvious really quickly that a lot of the all-ages spaces and DIY venues were where we were encountering people who were really interested in hearing new music and other bands that we were interested to play with,”

WHAT: Screaming Females with YellowFever, Broken Gold and Cowabunga Babes

WHERE: Emo’s (inside)

WHEN: Tonight; doors open at 9

TICKETS: \$7

is made unique by frontwoman Paternoster. Paternoster’s simultaneously raw and melodic voice adds a vulnerability to the sharp sounds of her guitar, and the band’s music as a whole. Paternoster’s distinctive voice has led many to liken her to legendary female punk artists such as Patti Smith.

By taking inspiration from various caches of rock ‘n’ roll — from punk to hardcore — Screaming Females has made

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“Why would we want to play a crappy bar?”
— Jarrett Dougherty, Drummer

Dougherty said in an interview with Tripwire. “It was kind of like when we hit these spots, we were just having better shows, so why would we want to play a crappy bar?”

Aside from its fan loyalty and DIY ethics, Screaming Females is most memorable for its ability to combine the gritty, impulsive sounds of punk with tight production quality on its recordings. Similarly, in live performances, Screaming Females

a name for itself that reaches beyond its basement-scene roots. These crossover abilities are best exemplified by two of the band’s most recent singles, “Bell” and “Buried in the Nude,” from the 2009 album *Power Move*.

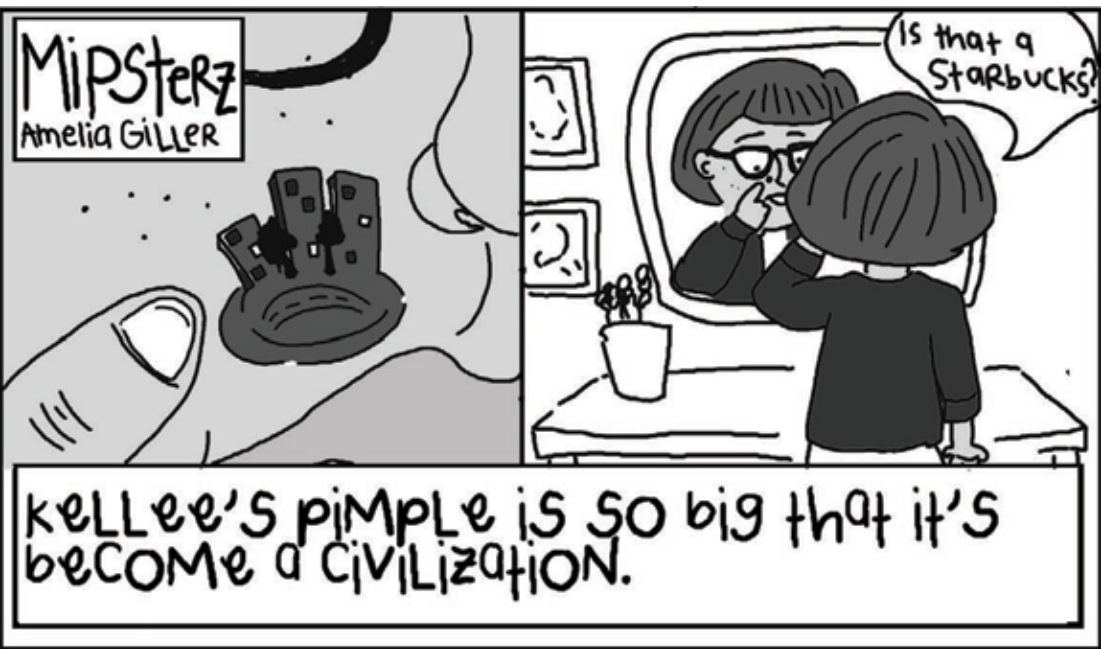
As the trio tours the country in anticipation of the September release of *Castle Talk*, Screaming Females will make its only Texas stop in Austin tonight at Emo’s.

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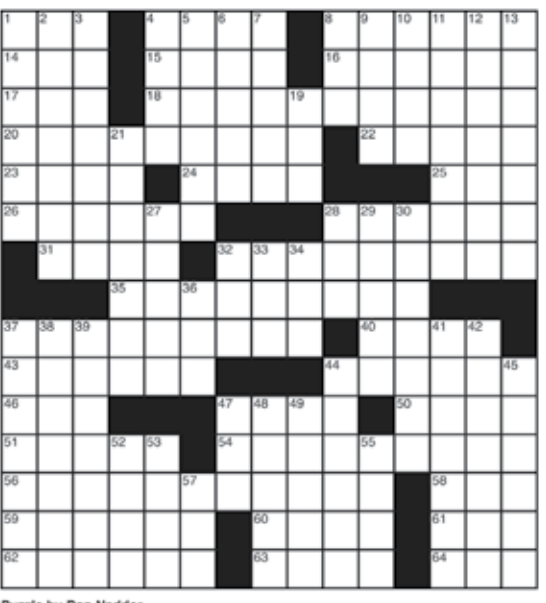
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0506

- Across**
- 1 City (computer game)
 - 4 Columbia org.
 - 8 Nawlins sandwiches
 - 14 Cable channel
 - 15 Actor Omar of "House"
 - 16 Surfing site
 - 17 Suffix with robot
 - 18 Barbecue comfortably?
 - 20 "Are your Southern breakfast vittles satisfactory?"
 - 22 Victorious
 - 23 When doubled, a #3 hit of 1968 or a #1 hit of 1987
 - 24 Nonmigratory goose
 - 25 Some TV drama settings
 - 26 Anticipates
 - 28 Jeans brand
 - 31 Actress Merrill
 - 32 Marvelous golf club?
 - 35 Purple outfit?
 - 37 Rules regarding tile setting?
 - 40 Wild
 - 43 Won handily
 - 44 "Little" title figure in a Beach Boys hit
 - 46 Enzyme suffix
 - 47 Stag
 - 50 " Jury"
 - 51 Silents star Nita
 - 54 Big black bird?
 - 56 Passenger gorging on fried chicken and potato chips?
 - 58 Grossglockner, for one
 - 59 "Take your pick"

- Down**
- 1 Hester Prynne's "A," e.g.
 - 2 Clique
 - 3 Name of many hospitals and cemeteries
 - 4 Darkroom production, for short
 - 5 They come with strings attached
 - 6 Lace
 - 7 Lion of Narnia
 - 8 Org. that usually has a fall start-up meeting
 - 9 " be in England": Browning
 - 10 Lived
 - 11 Carousing
 - 12 "Don't evade the question!"
 - 13 Hamlet, to Claudius
 - 19 A corrosive
 - 21 Snarling
 - 27 Pâtisserie offering
 - 28 Animal with a silent head?
 - 60 Pulitzer winner James
 - 61 chi
 - 62 Family of George's fiancée on "Seinfeld"
 - 63 Narcissist's love
 - 64 Preposition before now



Puzzle by Dan Naddor

- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- Across**
- 1 SAMMY
 - 4 AMANA
 - 8 ATEE
 - 11 BITTER
 - 14 GONER
 - 17 THAN
 - 20 AERO
 - 23 ADMIRALS
 - 26 ONIT
 - 29 MONISMS
 - 32 REW
 - 35 TRIPE
 - 38 RACER
 - 41 SANE
 - 44 USES
 - 47 AWGRANT
 - 50 MATS
 - 53 JOVIAL
 - 56 ISOTOPES
 - 59 OMENII
 - 62 MAKO
 - 64 ALLBY
 - 67 SELF
 - 70 OLEN
 - 73 CIRCE
 - 76 TREE
 - 79 KAYE
 - 82 EASED
 - 85 STDS
- Down**
- 2 Karen's maid on "Will & Grace"
 - 3 Egg foo yung dishes, basically
 - 4 Measure the strength of, in a way
 - 5 Book burrower
 - 6 Sushi offering
 - 7 Kind of doll
 - 8 Restaurant V.I.P.: Abbr.
 - 9 Met expectations?
 - 10 Shelf
 - 11 Morse bits
 - 12 "Gotcha"
 - 13 Not kosher
 - 14 Sentence units: Abbr.
 - 15 Numbskull
 - 16 It went down in history
 - 17 3.0, e.g.
 - 18 Opposite of FF
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 - 20 Municipal pol.
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle --- horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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